

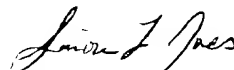
- (b) DNA sequences that hybridize under highly stringent conditions to the cDNA of (a); and which DNA sequences encode LERK-6; and
- (c) DNA sequences that, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, encode LERK-6 polypeptides having the amino acid sequence of the polypeptides encoded by the DNA sequences of (a) or (b).

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview of January 21, 2000. Claims 2-4, 13-15, 17-19 and 21-23 are pending and have been deemed in condition for allowance. As discussed during the telephone interview, Applicant has amended claims 2-4 in order to obviate a double patenting rejection in related application 09/173,492. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that the claims pending in the instant application are still in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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